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SUBJECT: ITU REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 93873

1. PER PARA 4, REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS REITERATED TO FONOFF U.S. INTEREST IN FAVORABLE FRG DECISION ON SEEKING LONG-WAVE (LW) FREQUENCY FOR USE BY MUNICH - ERCHING. FONOFF OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THEY GAVE VIGOROUS SUPPORT TO SATISFYING U.S. LW REQUIREMENT DURING APRIL 24 INTER-AGENCY (INCLUDING FRG BROADCASTERS) MEETING ON LF/MF MATTERS. WORKING LEVEL POSTAL MINISTRY (BPM) OFFICIALS LIKEWISE ARGUED IN FAVOR OF THIS POSITION; HOWEVER, FRG BROADCASTER REPS TOOK A STRONGLY NEGATIVE VIEW, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PREVENT A FINAL DECISION IN FAVOR OF SUBMITTING U.S. LW REQUIREMENT.

2. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, BPM OFFICIAL BINZ SAID GERMAN BROADCASTERS WERE PRESENTLY LOBBYING AT HIGH LEVELS WITHIN THE BPM TO REVERSE THE EXPERTS' DECISION. HE WAS REASONABLY HOPEFUL THE DECISION WOULD STAND AND THAT LW FORM WOULD BE SUBMITTED THE MORNING OF APRIL 25. HE ADDED THAT THE FORM WOULD SHOW A REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE 150 KHZ TO 285 KHZ BAND WITHOUT SPECIFYING ANY SPECIFIC FREQUENCY. BINZ AND THE FONOFF FULLY UNDER-
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STAND THAT WE ARE SEEKING A CLEAR LW FREQUENCY.

3. FONOFF HAS PROMISED TO CONSULT US IMMEDIATELY SHOULD
THERE BE A LAST MINUTE SWITCH IN THE BPM'S POSITION.
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